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Junior High Wrestlers Win

Kings Mountain Junior High's wrestlers opened Western Junior High Athletic Association action Wednesday at Marion, defeating West McDowell 57-14 for their third straight victory.

The Patriots were scheduled to go to Crest Wednesday afternoon for a match which Coach Phil Weathers said would be the team's toughest so far.

The Patriots picked up a 12-0 lead Wednesday with forfeits in the first two matches, then KM wrestlers reeled off six straight pins to build a 48-0 lead.

"We changed our lineup around somewhat," Weathers said, "because we have several good wrestlers in the same weight class and we want to try to work in everybody as much as possible."

First-time starters Thomas Goddard, Sidney Brown, Kent Boheler and Paul Terry all recorded pins.

"Once again, I want to credit our lightweights for wrestling a good match," Weathers said. "They were the difference."

West McDowell had a 300-plus pound heavyweight in Tom Bowin, who posted an 8-3 decision over previously unbeaten Doug Sipe of the Patriots.

"I thought I'd never see another heavyweight on the junior high level the size of Dale Moore, who wrestled for us last year and is on the high school team this year," Weathers said. "But he was every bit as big as Dale and used his size and weight very effectively."

THE RESULTS

- 78 - Tim Bell (KM) won by forfeit.
- 88 - Charles McClain (KM) won by forfeit.
- 98 - Thomas Goddard (KM) pinned David Parker.
- 105 - Sidney Brown (KM) pinned Tim Garrett.
- 112 - Derek Jordan (KM) pinned Tom chappini.
- 119 - Vince Sullens (KM) pinned Steve Fortune.
- 126 - Kent Boheler (KM) pinned Thomas Quern.
- 132 - Roderick Boyce (KM) pinned Tom Kelly.
- 138 - Steve Elliott (WM) pinned Steve Ingram.
- 145 - Neil Morris (KM) dec. Tom Goforth.
- 155 - Paul Terry (KM) pinned Jeff Smith.
- 167 - Tom Hall (WM) dec. David Brown.
- Unl. - Tom Bowin (WM) dec. Doug Sipe.

Church League Season Opens

The Thursday Night Church Basketball League opened action last week with Carson Memorial Baptist, Resurrection Lutheran and Boyce Memorial A.R.P. claiming victories.

Kenneth Moffatt scored 16 points to lead Carson Memorial to a 60-55 victory over Bethlehem Baptist. Neal Efford led Bethlehem with 18.

Resurrection defeated Macedonia 32-24. Carpenter led the winners with 10 and Hilton Fort led Macedonia with nine.

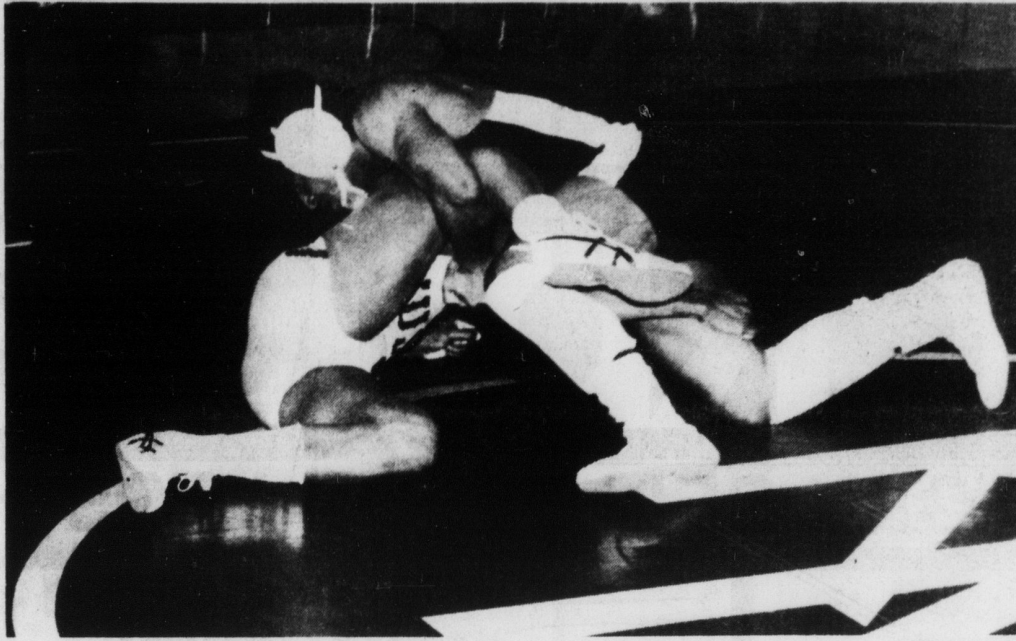
Al Cloninger scored 17 points to lead Boyce Memorial over Central United Methodist 51-42. Dickie Anderson scored 20 for Central.

Because of a tournament this week at the Community Center gym, action will be moved to Central School with games scheduled for Friday and Saturday. The change is for this week only.

Other teams in the Church League this year are David Baptist, First Wesleyan, First Presbyterian, El Bethel Methodist, East Gold Street Wesleyan and First Baptist.

The public is urged to attend the games.

KM VICTORY - Mike Hicks, right, of Kings Mountain is pictured above on his way to a decision over Tom Davidson of Hunter Huss in a 155-pound wrestling match Thursday at the KMHS gym. The Mountaineers won 38-32. They host Shelby tonight at 7:30.



KM PIN - Todd Bell, 145-pound wrestler for Kings Mountain High and a sixth place finisher in the state tournament last year, is pictured here on his way to a pin over James McCorkle of Hunter Huss in a non-conference wrestling match Thursday at the KMHS gym. The Mountaineers won 38-32.

KM Grapplers Win First Two

Kings Mountain High's wrestlers opened their dual meet season Thursday at home with a 38-32 victory over non-conference foe Hunter Huss of Gastonia.

The Mountaineers fell behind early, but came storming from behind with five straight victories in the middle weights.

THE RESULTS

- 98 - Lamar Barnett (H) won by forfeit.
- 105 - Scott Long (H) dec. Tim Hamrick.
- 112 - Joey Wyte (KM) dec. Jimmy Phillips.
- 119 - Ricky McCoy (H) won by forfeit.
- 126 - Edward McCoy (H) dec. Calvin Goode.
- 132 - Jimmy Watkins (KM) won by forfeit.
- 138 - Mike Smith (KM) pinned Tony Knox.
- 145 - Todd Bell (KM) pinned James McCorkle.
- 155 - Mike Hicks (KM) dec. Tom Davidson.
- 167 - David Parker (KM) won by forfeit.
- 185 - Roger Lindsay (H) pinned Todd Chastain.
- 195 - Tom Potter (KM) pinned Robert Regan.
- Unl. - Mike Merritt (H) pinned Dale Moore.

The Mountaineers opened Southwestern 3-A Conference action Monday night with a 36-27 victory over North Gaston's Wildcats.

The Mountaineers led 30-27 going into the last match of the night and needed a victory by heavyweight Dale Moore to nail down the victory. Moore responded by pinning North Gaston's David Shives in the first period.

Kings Mountain hosts county rival Shelby Thursday at 7:30 in a battle of the unbeaten. Shelby is also 2-0 and opened SWC action Monday with a 37-32 victory over South Point.

THE RESULTS

- 98 - Tim Hamrick (KM) won superior dec. over Ernest Parker.
- 105 - Joe Adams (NG) won by forfeit.
- 112 - Tim Brown (NG) won by forfeit.
- 119 - Calvin Goode (KM) pinned John Finney.
- 126 - Joey Wyte (KM) dec. John Howser.
- 132 - Jimmy Watkins (KM) pinned Andy Conn.
- 138 - Paul Merrick (NG) dec. Mike Smith.
- 145 - Todd Bell (KM) dec. Craig Thornburg.
- 155 - Mike Hicks (KM) dec. Mark Green.
- 167 - David Parker (KM) won major dec. over Jason Pasour.
- 185 - Donnie Price (NG) pinned Todd Chastain.
- 195 - Aaron Cloninger (NG) pinned Tom Potter.
- Unl. - Dale Moore (KM) pinned David Shives.

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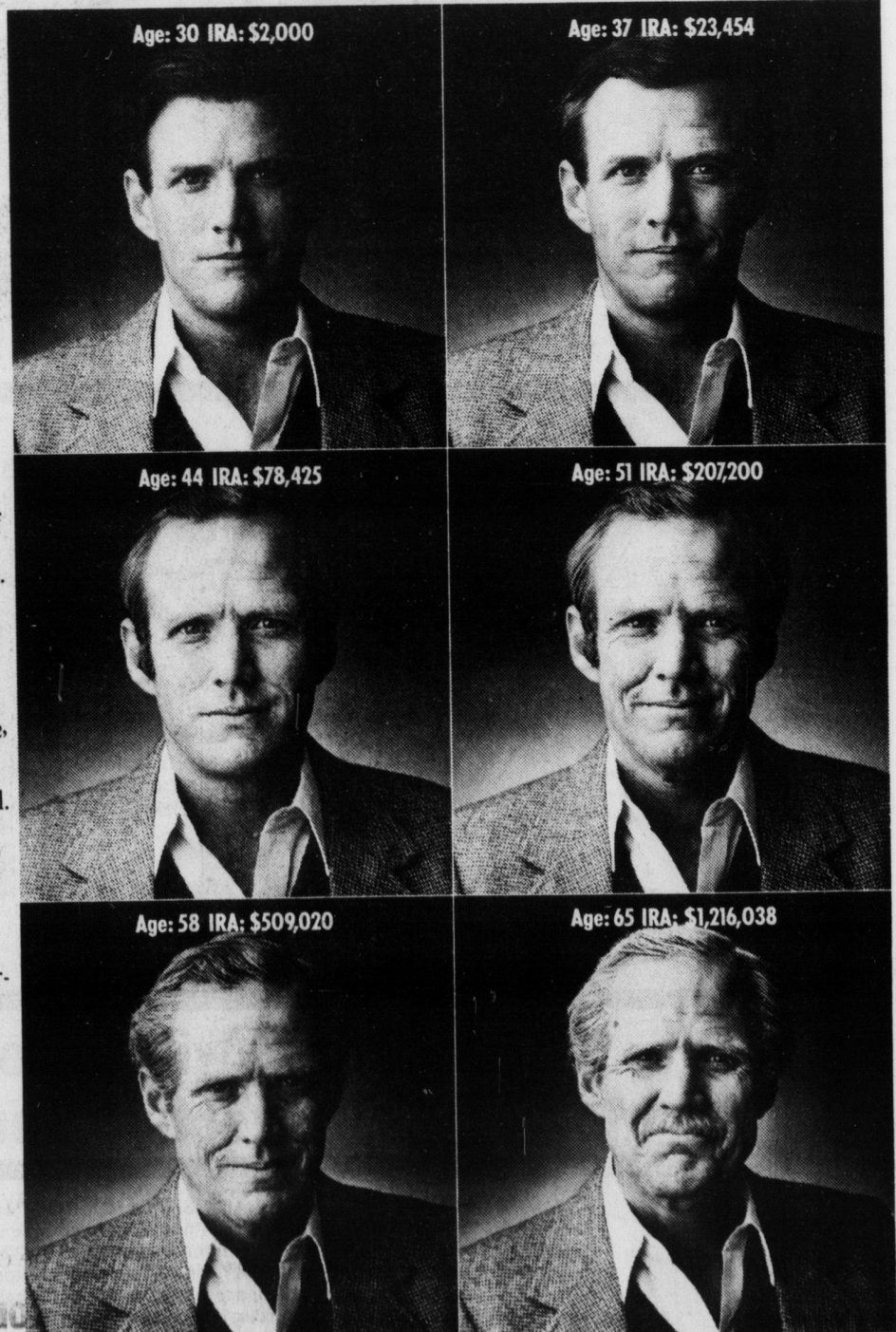
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